(c) During the first six months, *i.e.* April-September 2003, the Company suffered a net loss (provisional) of Rs. 103.50 crores as against the budgeted loss of Rs. 134.91 crores for the same period.

(d) Indian Airlines has been taking measures and working out strategies on on-going basis to improve its financial performance and bring about qualitative and quantitative improvements in the product offered through augmentation/replacement of existing fleet, improvement in maintenance practices, better revenue management, increase in the utilisation of cargo capacity, innovative and aggressive marketing schemes and various cost cutting measures.

Fake stamp papers

†*15. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some fake stamp papers have been seized in some Banks during the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of persons found involved in the same?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) According to information received from RBI, no Bank has reported about seizure of fake stamp papers from them.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Excavations at Qutab Heritage

*16. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of many artefacts found during excavations at Qutab Heritage Complex only 18 were last shifted out in 1998 and the rest are left unattended although many of these artefacts are from the 27-odd Jain and Hindu temples that were discovered in the Complex during ASI operations;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons for this gross neglect which might have resulted in theft and piferage of such important historical pieces; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard and interpret these artefacts to enrich historical records?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the significant sculptural and architectural fragments, which were found, during debris clearance in connection with conservation at the Qutab Heritage Complex, are kept in the Sub-Circle office in the Qutab area and seven selected artefacts out of those were shifted to Purana Qila in 1998 for display in the archaeological museum.

(c) The sculptural and architectural fragments have already been studied in detail and regular watch-and-ward is in place to safeguard the objects.

Low credit offtake by industry

*17. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the low interest rate regime, the credit offtake from banks by industry continues to be sluggish; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Bank Credit to industry (large, medium and small) has grown from Rs. 2,29,523 crores as on 22nd March 2002 to Rs. 2,60,821 crores as on 21st March, 2003 registering an increase of 13.6% during the period. The credit further increased to Rs. 2,78,408 crores as on 22nd August, 2003 (latest available) registering an increase of 6.7% over a period of five months.

Inquiry report on helicopter accident

*18. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: